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SCORES EDITOR H. T. JOHNSON OF THE CHRISTIAN RECORDER.

THE "LEAK MATTER" AGAIN

Dr. Johnson Intimates that Bishop Derrick Got Leak Out—Dr. Johnson Would Retire Two Bishops to Get a Robe—Many Matters Discussed.

Editor The Freeman:

I regret very much to have to come to you with more matter affecting the A. M. E. Church, but for years I have noticed that The Freeman has tried to keep the public in touch with great issues affecting the uplifht of the race and the condition of the various religious denominations of the Negro. I am not the only writer of the A. M. E. Church that has applied to The Freeman when the columns of the Christian Recorder were one-sided in its dealings with candidates, etc., etc. So this is not an unprecedented action, and if it be an unpardonable error, I console myself with the thought that I have company.

The cause which leads me to write this letter was brought on by several editorials which appeared in the Recorder from time to time since my article in The Freeman of September *27, 1902,* and particularly the unfair "write-up" by Dr. Johnson of the banquet given at Memphis in honor of the Bishops and guest at the Bishops' Council in January.

I know quite a flurry was created by my September letter, and the same resulted in my receiving letters of congratulation from leaders in the A. M. E. Church from every quarter of the continent.

There is a suppressed unrest in the A. M. E. Church that is smoldering in the hearts of thousands, which, if not appeased, will ere long produce a volcanic action that will tell its tale for ages to come.

I pointed out in September the fact that Dr. Johnson was bias and one-sided in his treatment of men and measures, and asked why; also could not the church get a hearing in the much-talked-of matter concerning the publication department and the removal of Dr. Leak? I wanted to know why, all at once, the mouthpiece of the connection became mute.

Three days after receiving The Freeman, with my article in it, I got a letter from Dr. Johnson, offering to let me be heard periodically through the Recorder, and congratulating me for having written a letter to the Southern Christian Recorder in reply to one Dr. J. I. Lowe, who held that the General Conference should not elect any more Bishops. In this Southern Recorder letter of mine I pointed out several reasons why more Bishops are needed, and also said that we had two venerable Bishops, who, if retired on full pay, would be by us setting a precedent in the A. M. E. Church that would add glory to our Zion, and to the two men referred to, making them feel that their services have been to the church more than they even dreamed of.

In this congratulatory letter of Dr. Johnson's he said: "You are more than right when you say the General Conference ought to retire two Bishops. It will not have done its duty until this has been accomplished." Now, this letter reached me three days after I received The Freeman with my article in it, but he never even hinted that he had seen The Freeman, with the article in question. Yet Dr. Johnson had then in his possession—or had received—several personal letters from me, and three articles for publication, to neither of which he had replied, nor had he given me assurance of the appearance of either of my letters. I knew he had seen The Freeman letter, and felt much stung by it, although I immediately clipped The Freeman letter and answered his letter, inclosing the article.

He answered back, stating "he could not understand the strange coincidence of him writing to me just about the time of the appearance of my article," and that the matter referred to in my Freeman letter concerning the publication department was suppressed through the Recorder for causes that would be satisfactorily explained to me when he came to attend the South Arkansas Conference. He asked me to repair the injury done him by my Freeman article, through an early future letter to the same paper, stating that his friends would take him to task if he allowed my writings to appear in the Recorder's columns with this matter unexplained.

Well, if this is not one-sided, what is? The A. M. E. Church owns and operates a connectional official paper, and one must be a "cur" at the feet of the editor, who is elected and hired by the church, before he can discuss views from his standpoint respecting the well-being of the church.

Knowing that I had worked hard for Dr. Johnson in two campaigns, and feeling that he possibly had been handicapped some way, and could not exercise those privileges due an editor of a great church paper, I concluded to wait and see Dr. Johnson before I said more to him or about him.

A few days later I received a letter from Dr. Johnson telling me that Manager J. H. Collett had suffered his "funny bone" to get control of him, and he (Collett) had denied him (Johnson) the privilege of representing the Book Concern in Arkansas, but instead had instituted the "petticoat government," and detailed his wife (Mrs. Collett) to do the work.

He further stated that Dr. Collett would not leave the department himself, for he (Collett) feared to trust Gishop Derrick to remain around there while he (Collett) was away, because it was fresh in Collett's mind how cruel Derrick had treated Leak. He asked me to pass this statement around amongst his friends in the State. It was then that I felt that Dr. Johnson was outraged, and thus concluded to retract my statements concerning him. I make these statements because I have been accused of double-dealing with Dr. Johnson. Not, so; had I not felt that Dr. Johnson was outraged, and that he was an escaped victim of The Publication Department "gang," I never would have written "The Explanation" to the Recorder, that has been so much discussed—and Dr. Johnson gave me the impression that he was outraged—and further said he (referring to how I had been draged about during one quadreunion) "Robinson, you will yet get a lion's share in our church, for you, as well as myself, have been outrageously treated."

He did come to Baxter, and attended the South Arkansas Conference. We talked—I wrote my "Explanation," and in it I said, among other things, "Since talking with Dr. Johnson, I now retract all I said about him in my Freeman letter." Dr. Johnson took advantage of this sentence, and wrote a very unpleasant editorial, which I here give in full. (The same appeared in the Recorder of December the 18th, 1902.) "The explanation of Rev. J. G. Robinson, of Hamburg, Ark., is worth consideration as a document of universal bearing. It not only touches the personal case of Rev. Robinson, bpt covers an endless number of instances where writers speak evil of editors without due provocation. The grievance of Brother Robinson, whether imaginary or designed, became dissipated on seeing the editor. Did he have any genuine cause for umbrage, it is not likely that his suit would be declared nol prossed on the simple sight of the offending editor. The principle holds equally good with all who give vent to uncomplimentary utterances because others are heard from, and they are not. To know the facts in the case is equivalent to seeing the editor, in all of which cases the errors of criticism would be withdrawn, and the editor regarded as a fairly good fellow after all. When the church grows wise and liberal enough to make its chief editor the equal of any other general officer in sway of power and freedom, he will be willing to bear the brunt of unkind shafts, but not until then."

Now, any candid and fair-minded man can see from the editorial just quoted, that Dr. Johnson intended to convey the thought that just the simple "sight" of him frightened me into a withdrawal of what I had previously said about him. I felt keenly pained, and would have immediately replied to said editorial, but friends whom he attempts afterward to butcher, prevailed with me to let the matter drop. Also one Rev. J. D. Dennis, Presiding Elder of the Arkansas City District had made false reports about me, and set me in a bad light with Bishop Tyree (which has been explained to the public to the entire satisfaction of Bishop Tyree and all concerned) hence, I concluded to "call off" and leave Dr. Johnson to feel that he had driven me into a hole. I wish, by way of parenthesis, to state that if Dr. Johnson lets his candidacy rest in the hands of treacherous characters like Rev. J. D. Dennis—a man who can not point to a single shingle, bought and paid for under his administration in his entire Arkansas ministry—a man who delights in keeping up a fuss between minister and minister, and minister and people, and a chronic babbler, then, the much-desired role will never be won by him.

IT LOOKS LIKE A CASE OF DR. JEKYL AND MR. HYDE.

No, the "sight" of the editor was not the cause of my indictment being quashed, but an array of mitigating circumstances presented previous to "seeing" the editor was the cause. I have simply quoted without pointing out by quotation marks, some of the correspondence leading up to my writing the explanation. I can, if called upon, give day and date etc.

Hear me! I may be called, as I have been called, "A church Anarchist," "A fault finder," "A chronic grumbler" and by such other names by editor Johnson or others, but the rank and file of the A. M. E. Church that labor and fill her coffers with gold, must be heard. And some man must lead the way. If die he must, in order to present facts, and to institute reforms, let him die. A change must take place.

I have been called "A little dog"—well, little dogs can bark as loud as big dogs, and they can see just as far. Dr. Johnson can not regulate all the wrongs done in the A. M. E. Church, but he stands at the head of our paper, and prevents much from appearing, that if seen would work untold good to the convention. O. but I am getting too far off from my text. The committee at Memphis, which had charge of entertaining the Bishops and visiting ministers arranged a program in connection with the banquet. Dr. J. M. Conner, the ideol of Arkansas, was placed on the program for a talk on "Methodism," or some such subject. Owing to the lateness of the hour, after Dr. Conner concluded his talk, he following other speakers, the audience grew impatient, and the remainder of the program was canceled.

Dr. Johnson took advantage of this, and because of the wide popularity of Dr. Conner, and his increasing influence, coupled with the fact that Dr. Conner is more favorably epoken of in connection with the Bishopric than he—he (Johnson) I say, took advantage of this, and wrote an undignified, unmanly, uncharitable and untruthful report of that gathering, and spoke in uncomplimentary terms of Dr. Conner, to the extent that his (Johnson's) stock in Arkansas has gone down 75 per censt. I hear that Dr. Conner made a very creditable talk—but granting that he did not, is it not a fact that every public speaker makes "flats" sometimes? Have I not heard Dr. Johnson at Ellisville, Miss., and other places, preached sermons, and deliver speeches that fell "flat" on the audience, and sent the people away, sorry that they left their homes? And further, the admirers of Dr. Conner, do not, and have never, claimed for him the gift of oratory—far from it.

To say the least, the "write up" in question is unfair, and shows Dr. Johnson to be one who fails to betray any of the qualities of a diplomat.

I hope now that the public clearly understands my "explanation," which appeared in The Recorder, and will take this letter as a firm stand, to not be altered. In the light of the above, I am led to believe that many who have seriously considered the name of Dr. Johnson in connection with the Bishopric, will change their minds; for by the light of recent occurrences above referred to, and other dictatorial actions on his part in connection with the columns of the church's chief organ, they see that he will not give justice on the bench.

Dr. Johnson himself never would have gone at Dr. Conner like a frightened animal before a "red rag," but he had "seen the handwriting on the wall," dimly now, perhaps, but with the appalling certainty that it will yet shine out in letters of living fire that can not be effaced.

"Coming events cast their shadows," and it may be that when the searchlight is turned on by Dr. Leak in 1904, that Johnson will be caught in company with the crowd whom he denominates "the gang," and this will rob him of much power and influence in that august assembly at Chicago.

Then, too, this "Rough Rider" course of his as editor, will stamp him as a would-be master of the people, instead of their servant and thus drive the last nail in the coffin of his dead Episcopal aspirations.

Mark what I say: The church is done with "bosses." Bosses are incompatible with Methodist economy; and manliness is rapidly increasing among our ministers, hence the man who desires to lead, must first learn to be led. This way of a Bishop running the conference, making the appointments, and dictating the entire policy of his district, unaided, and making men crouch before him like so many whining "pups," will never be tolerated in the church. Manliness must be respected. I can say, for the most part, our present bench of Bishops understand this ,and are fair in their dealings; but there are one or two exceptions, and the men of the church dread them—and because of past experiences with them, they note the actions of every man who "bobs up" as a candidate for this high honor, and will never let him in if he possesses the qualities of the much-dreaded "boss."

Now as much as I regret the publication of this letter, I am ready to defend my position, and have but hinted at some things that I can speak much plainer about.

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Happenings of the Week.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—The people of Memphis have raised such a howl, both white and colored, especially among the ladies, that the Jim Crow street car law did not go into effect on the 5th of May as it was scheduled to do. The old residents say that nothing has ever happened in Memphis that has had the same effect to unte the colored people and wake them up to a sense of racial pride as this one enactment of law. * * The Evening Striker, the only colored daily paper in the world, is meeting with grand success. Memphis has now three colored newspapers, "Bluff City News," "The New Way" and the "Evening Striker." * * Mrs. Mammie L. Wilson and baby, who have been making Memphis their home, left last week for St. Louis, where they will reside. * * Mr. Earnest Williams, the popular colored tailor, is contemplating moving to new and larger quarters. He is meeting with success in his line of work, and has some of the most prominent and fashionable white people among his customers. * * Memphis has also three undertaker establishments, each doing a thriving business. * * The Masonic fraternity is planning for their annual carnival in July. Make it a grand thing, colored business men. * * the colored Odd Fellows of Memphis, held their annual reunion last Sunday. About 800 members in color of the order met at their hall, 166 Desota street, and headed by The Young Men's brass band, marched to Salem Baptist church where a grand discourse was delivered by Rev. Martin, of Collins Chapel. H. C. Tate acted as chairman for the occasion. * * Mrs. Lulu gray went to Sommerville May 13th. * * Miss Jessie Hightower has returned to Ripley, Tenn. * * Miss Virgie Fowlkes was married to Mr. W. M. Williams of St. Louis, Thursday evening, May 14th. * * Miss Mattie M. Horton, of Cordova, Tenn., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ward. * * Mrs. M. L. Robinson, of Robinsonville, Miss., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Bailey. * * Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Wims are visiting friends in Louisville, Ky., and Chicago, Ill.

HOT SPRINGS NEWS.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.—Mr. Al Taylor left the 10th inst. with a crew of ten waiters to take charge of the Leland Hotel dining-room at Springfield, Ill. * * Messrs Arthur Holmes, Jake Wallace and Mathew Knight left last week for Chicago, ... * * Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones left last week for Memphis, Tenn. * * Mr. Fannie Mason left last Saturday night for St. Louis, Mo. * * Mr. Reuben Elliott, chief cook at Potash Sulphur Hotel, Lawrence, Ark., is given the best of satisfaction. * * The Arlington Base Ball team, of this city and Memphis played two games last week. The Arlington won both games. First game, 2 to 1, second game, 12 to 3. * * Please pay our agent for The Freeman. * * Mrs. Anna Means died last Friday and was buried Sunday. Funeral service was held at cutor for the W. L. Club. * * Miss Dora Visitor's Chapel A. M. E. church. Rev. P. W. Walls officiated. * * Subscribe for the Freeman, a popular Negro journal.

Personal and News Notes

Jackson, Mich., Special.—Mr. Ray Johnson has returned after traving a few months with Smith's Pastime Comedy Company. * * Mr. John Wesley has gone to Battle Creek to reside. * * Mr. Bert Salpaugh spent Sunday in Grand Rapids. * * Miss Emma Gough, of Battle Creek is in the city. * * Mr. Levi Harrison left Sunday for Flint. * * Mr. Bennie Coleman left Monday with the Frisby Circus. * * Messrs. C. and W. Harrison was called to Ypsilanti on the account of their aunt's illness. * * Misses Moore and Wayner, of Ann Arbor, were the guests of Miss Anna Moore. * * Any one wishing The Freeman will please call on our agent, Flossie M. Johnson, 216 E. Franklin street.

Important News.

Joplin, Mo., Special.—Rev. Chandley has returned to the city again. He will be pleased to meet his many friends at the African Methodist parsonage on 4th street. * * The brick work on the two colored churches is almost finished. * * Several colored persons who left the city during the mob violence have returned. * * Captain Shackelford, drill master of the uniform rank K. of P., of this city, has sold his blacksmith shop and departed for his home at Springfield, Mo. His friends hope that he will return. * * Thomas Powell attended a grand reception at Neosho, Mo., given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gibson on Baxter street, in honor of Miss Taylor, a charming young school teacher. The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson was tastefully decorated. The elite of Neosho, Mo., was in attendance. Refreshments were served. Mr. Powell, with his graphiphone, furnished amusement for the guests and Master Jas. Scott furnished music.

Weekly Items.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Special.—Mr. George Elligood is seriously ill at his home. * * Mr. F. P. Miller, who has been in the city visiting for the past three weeks, returned to Indianapolis on Monday. * * Mrs. A. Fayette spent Friday in Buffalo. * * Mr. R. Odom, of Washington, D. C., will spend the summer at Niagara.

PICK-UPS IN PASSING

A WEEK'S CULLING OF THE NEWS FROM FREEMAN'S AGENTS.

A NEWSY BUDGET FROM CAIRO

Of Interesting Current Events That Will Interest Many Readers Everywhere—Social Happenings—Church Items—Weddings, Etc.

Cairo, Ill., Special.—Rev. W. M. Grayor, the great evangelist, of the United States, is in the city and is conducting a meeting every night at the Church of the Living God, corner 15th street and Commercial avenue. * * The death of Mrs. Annie Simmons was quite sad. She was a Christian woman, being a member of the A. M. E. Church. She leaves two children and a husband. * * Miss Gertrude Groudy is in the city. * * Miss Florence Williams, Carrie Williams, H. Scott and Willie Randal, of Cape Graido, Mo., were the guests of Classie Hamilton in Walnut street. * * Emma Herring, 1208 Cedar street, is on the sick list. * * The excursion to Paducah last Sunday on the steamer J. R., show the Negroes that there was a color line drawn between the Negroes and the white people. When you get ready to go on an excursion, go on one of your own color and you will be properly treated. * * Mr. Robert Bland, Sr., made a flying trip to Anna last week. * * Madames C. Bland and M. Novels and little Lucile are in the city visiting friends and relatives.* * Mrs. W. Irvin and son left Saturday for Indianapolis. Mr. Irvin thinks of making it their future home. * * Mrs. R. Bland and son Chas. left to-day for Armstead for a few days. * * Mrs. J. K. Swain, of Beechwood, is in the city with her son, Ed, in 32d street. * * Scott A. Thompson was the guest of Walker Fields in Walnut street. * * Rev. Grayor will baptize at 6th and Ohio levee at 3:30 p. m., Sunday. * * The Little Cairo Blues' base ball team will play the Jackson, Tenn., team May 30th. * * An excursion will be run to Paducah May 20th. * * A pretty wedding was that of Miss Allie James to Mr. George Vinners, which took place Thursday evening, the 7th inst. The many friends extend congratulations. * * Mr. Lillianton Scruggs, of 21st street, is on the sick list at this writing. * * Please pay for your paper when the agent calls on you. It is due.

JEFFERSONVILLE NOTES.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Special.—The members of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church gave a grand reception Monday night, May 11th, in honor of their pastor, Rev. W. M. Langford. Rev. J. L. Craven delivered the welcome address. Rev. Langford responded. Addresses were made by Prof. R. F. Taylor, J. O. Osgiby and others. * * The teamsters union will give a grand ball at Holloway's park May 18th. * * Sunday, May 17th, will be communion day at Wesley Chapel M. E. Church. * Rev. D. L. Irven will preach the Sacramental sermon at 2:30 p. m. * * Mrs. John Hall, of Deumaine, Ill., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Katie Pope, who has been very ill. * * Mrs. Whittaker and Mrs. Russell entertained in honor of Mrs. J. H. Hall, Wednesday evening, May 6th, at which time a number of friends were present.

LOGANSPORT, IND., ITEMS.

Logansport, Ind., Special.—The Fair raised quite a sum. The Jolly Picnic Party was a grand success. It is requested that it be repeated at one of the public halls. * * Rev. Taylor is improving. * * To our great displeasure, one family in our community has fallen victim to smallpox. * * The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and Household of Ruths were received at Marion, Sunday, the 10th. Although they arrived in the city at a late hour, they were taken care of by a wide-awake committee. They were, after the Thanksgiving sermon, escorted to all places of amusement. Logansporters are only waiting for a chance to show the people of Marion how to entertain. * * Miss Evalena Artis spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. S. Harris.

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THE WAITER....

In a recent issue we made the mistake of mentioning Alonzo Leatherberry as headwaiter at the Grandon hotel, Helena, Mont. Mr. H. J. Baker is the headwaiter at this hostelry and Mr. Leatherberry is a sidewaiter, although he is expected to assume charge of the Montana at Anaconda, Mont., about July first.

Notes from Denver, Col.

The St. James hotel opened May 1st on strictly European plan with colored waiters. As the colored waiters have worked very successfully on the American plan, and he still wanted to secure the colored help on their good conduct and faithful service, Mr. Lassoton still holds the headwaitership. The Albany waiters gave their annual ball on the 27th of April. Charles Owen, headwaiter at the American house, is doing exceedingly well.

Notes from Dayton, Ohio.

On April 30th a very pleasant surprise was given to Mr. George Bailey, the genial headwaiter at the Phillips house, in honor of his 31st anniversary of his birth. A very sumptuous supper was served prepared by Mr. Bailey's estimable wife. Many of the waiters responded to toasts. Dancing and games were indulged in until a late hour. After which all returned to their homes wishing Mr. Bailey many more such anniversaries. A game of base ball was played between the Phillips and Beckel house waiters on the 14th. Much interest was manifested by both teams. The proceeds were given to the Deaconness hospital.

A Day To Be Long Remembered.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—Sunday, May 2d, was a high day spiritually and financially. At 11 a. m. St. Wiley Memorial M. E. church, Rev. J. W. Tate, D. D., pastor, had their quarterly conference. Presiding Elder Rev. J. B. L. Williams, D. D., filled the pulpit and preached a very forcible and soul stirring sermon to a large audience. The charge is one of the foremost in the connection. They succeeded financially. The pastor conducted a two weeks' meeting, which was helpful to the church. The choir was at its best. This choir is improving. Warren A. M. E. church at 8 p. m., Rev. J. N. Holt, D. D., pastor, preached an excellent sermon to an appreciative audience. The choir sang well. The Y. M. C. A., Prof. W. H. Singleton, president, is doing a telling work in the city. At the First Baptist church (11 a. m.) Rev. W. G. Parks, D. D., pastor, preached a fine and illustrative sermon, in which he most beautifully portraited the Christian's life. The auditorium of the church was like bunches of flowers in appearance as a large congregation greeted the spiritual adviser. The choir rendered some of its choice music, which made all present realize the greatness of the occasion. New Salem Baptist church at 11 a. m, Rev. P. B. Broaden pastor, preached a powerful sermon. It was the rally day. At 3 p. m. Rev W. H. Tilman, Ph. D, preached a very logical sermon. At 8 p. m. Rev. J. T Tucker conducted the services. Rally day's collection $200 30. Mr. E. W. Rogers, M. D., entered the city of Chattanooga, Tenn., two years ago with barely a title, but to-day he stands with his peers in the named profession for his medical skill. He clings to his work in all of its form. He has a fine practice now. Rev. I. H. Miller, D. D., the platform genius, lectured at the St. Mary C. M. E. church Friday night, May 1st. Dr. Miller is a fluent speaker, and can well entertain a crowded house upon all occasions.

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A Disastrous Conflagation.

Wilberforce, O., Special.—This place was visited by a disastrous fire Thursday morning, April 30, at 11 o'clock, and the eight rows of old buildings, lately for years occupied as a dormitory for the boys, was reduced to ashes within a few hours. The high wind blowing at the time prevented much being done to stop the flames spreading, but by the aid of the three hundred students a bucket brigade was formed and the business room, situated a few hundred yards north of the fire, was saved. The C. N. I. Department of the State recently built a new dormitory for the young ladies and the boys removed from the old frame buildings to O'Neill Hall, thus much of the furniture was saved. The loss amounts to about seven thousand dollars, partly covered by insurance. The cottages were built in 1850 under the direction of Mr. E. F. Drake, who was the manager of the Tawawa Springs Hotel Co., and during the summer were occupied by slaveholders who came from the Sonth to spend the hot seasons of the months. The stone work was done by Mr. Roder and the plastering by Mr. Buck Smith of Xenia, Ohio. In 1856 the property was sold to the M. E. church, Cincinnati Conference. The same year Bishop D. A. Payne moved to this place and occupied the center building, where he lived for ten years. The following well-known parties have lived in the old row: M. F. Gaddis, first principal of the school, Bishop James A. Shorter, Maj. W. R. Delaney, Bishop B. F. Lee, while serving as president of the college, Rev. J. P. Maxwell, Prof. E. A. Clark, born in the middle cottage, Mr. John G. Griffin, Mrs. Frances Brown, Rev. Horace Talbert, Prof W. B. Adams, Rev. John A. Clark and Dr. William Kent. The Hon. Frederick Douglass was entertained in the middle cottage as the guest of Bishop D. A. Payne in 1870.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

If cream is boiled the day before it is to be used it makes it richer for the morning cup of coffee.

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A small, stiff scrubbing brush should be used for cleaning all vegetables that grow under ground.

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The color of green vegetables can be preserved if the vessel in which they are cooked is not covered.

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To insure the perfect cleanliness of irons, they should be washed and soaked in water frequently, and always kept in a clean, dry place.

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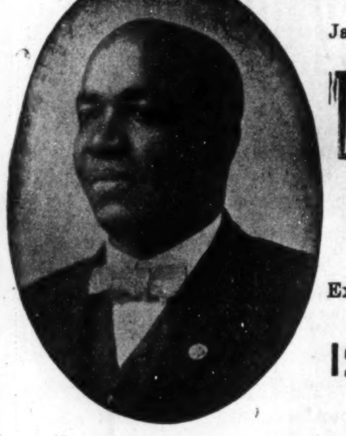

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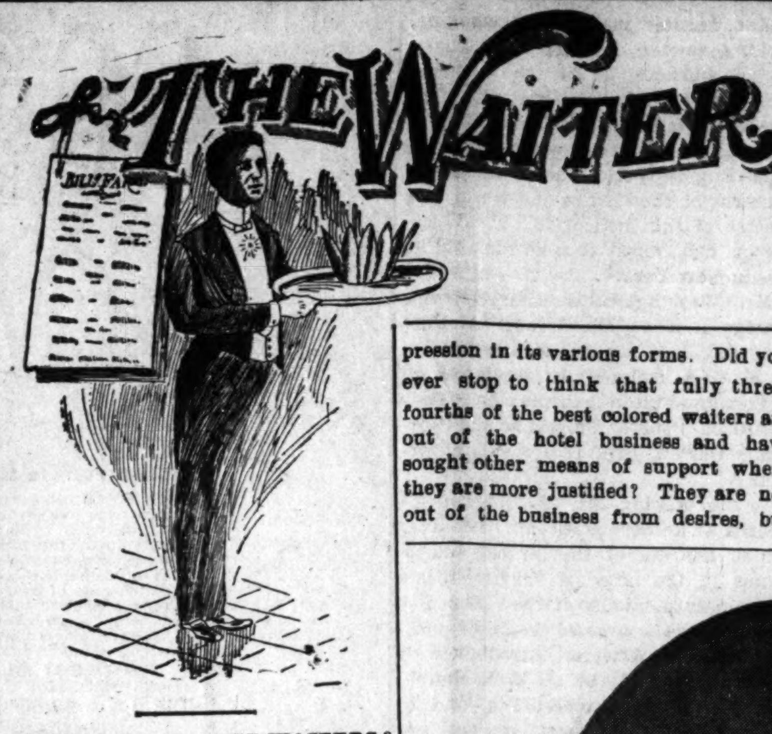

WHERE ARE ALL THE WAITERS?

Much has been said and written from time to time concerning the waiter, and the question comes from all parts of the country, "Where are all the waiters, and why is there such a scarcity of first class waiters?" With the exception of a few eastern cities nearly all the hotels throughout the country suffer for the proper dining room service that only a well trained and practical waiter can give. Still this better class of waiters are largely in the minority. They have been forced out of the business by oppression in its various forms. Did you ever stop to think that fully three fourths of the best colored waiters are out of the hotel business and have sought other means of support where they are more justified? They are not out of the business from desires, but necessity, and for the protection of their families.

Some may say that there are too many waiters now. There are too many in name only, and three of the new waiters are not equal to one of the old time routed out waiters. Thousands upon top of thousands of waiters have sprung up in the past ten years, and this class graduate in the business in a week and retire in three weeks. While these great masses of waiters have sprung up like grass, the masses of old practical waiters have been cut down like flowers on account of the reduction of wages that have taken place in the last few years.

Ten years ago wages were much better than they are to-day, besides guests were more liberal than now. Where the guest then gave a waiter a dollar it is now twenty-five cents, and from a quarter tip, has been reduced to ten cents or nothing, and while wages have dropped from thirty and twenty-five dollars to twenty dollars you can readily see that the real waiter is not justified, only in a strictly first class transcient house, where they have a different set of people every meal.

In those good times the very cream of the colored race were waiters, and the best of citizens and men of families, that were a credit to the city and community where they resided besides a loyal servant to his employer.

Nearly all of our leading colored men to-day were waiters in their younger days. Scarcely a professional man of color can be named that has not served as a waiter, not even excluding the congress hall, the principals of our best colleges, our most noted physicians, musicians, bishops from all denominations.

I do not mean to agitate the tip question. Personally I would rather see every hotel run on club style, pay sufficient wages and look forward to Christmas for the opening of the treasury to employes, for nothing gives the headwaiter more trouble than a non-tipping guest, and he certainly must hire a fresh man every day for such a guest or the entire crew will gradually disappear.

While wages are low, say twenty dollars per month, but few waiters make over two dollars and fifty cents to three dollars per week extra, which will amount to about thirty dollars per month. If he is at all decent his laundry bill is at least two dollars per month; it should cost him on an average of one dollar per month, at the lowest figures, to keep up his dining room uniform. Now, what has he to support his family on, not saying anything about street car fare, for few hotels room waiters?

The above and many other reasons are responsible for the poor service the headwaiters are compelled to give. To-day you can find thousands of the best waiters that ever carried a tray working at lunch counters from eleven o'clock a. m. until two p. m. for three dollars per week, and, besides that, they have a porter's job in a bar, drug store or flat, or running a boot-black stand or following many other pursuits for a living.

Go to the dining cars, you find that they have their share of first class waiters at twenty-five dollars per month for the first three months, then they receive thirty dollars. Go to the Pullman cars and buffets and you find the best waiters as porters. If they are on a poor run the wages are twenty-five dollars and up. Thus you can readily see where the waiters have drifted. I do not mean to say that there are not any good waiters. There are many of the best, but few, that I would consider according to the multitudes that are in the business. Headwaiters are in a position to agree with me more than any one else because they are thrown face to face with the service hour after hour. The old time waiter is now out of the business, though we hope for his return, was ambitious. He learned and studied it so as to perform his duty intelligently, neatly and politely, having common sense enough to know that was the real road that leads to the tip.

Take the crew of to-day, how many of your men can serve all kinds of wine intelligently? How many can serve a party without your assistance? How many will report for work with a costume unfit to go around the guests? How many will give a guest a napkin, should there happen not to be one there, or a teaspoon for different articles, or the relishes, according to the dishes ordered, and a thousand other things? These little things that constitute service is what makes the headwaiter yearn for the good old waiters.

Volumes could be written on the disadvantages of cheap waiters. I say cheap waiters because it has been proven that the great masses of good waiters will not work for twenty dollars per month under the present circumstances, thus the business is carried on in many hotels with very inferior help much to the disgust of the guest and all concerned.

I have met thousands of good waiters who have told me that they have been out of hotel work since the reduction of wages. I will offer a remedy for poor, dirty, unskilled, uncouth and sleepy service—pay good wages where good wages are due. I do not believe in a special uniform scale of wages in the average hotel. It requires just as much practical knowledge of dining room service to be a first class waiter, and just as much time as in any other profession, let it be lawyer, physician or any other profession. I claim that a man cannot be a first class waiter in three years, though many think that they can accomplish all the details in a month, but there is no end to it—always something to learn. I do not think that a waiter that you have just hired to-day should receive the same wages as the waiter who you have got to trust early and late, and to support you under all circumstances, year in and year out. I believe that if a headwaiter was allowed to pay a waiter according to his merits it would cause others to be more ambitious and to work for promotion; but, instead the old waiter feels that he is no more appreciated than the apprentice you just hired, although he has worked faithfully for years with you. But he is one of the waiters, and that is all there is to him regardless of the number of years and energy he has spent in perfecting himself for a higher standing in the profession of waiters.

We should encourage the ambitious waiter and promote or advance him when it is due, especially when he aspires for a promotion, and by so doing we would be able to give better service than ever with less waiters. And if it would be better still than the above mentioned idea for the first class hotels to pay twenty five dollars per month, I sincerely believe that thousands of the best old veterans of the tray would rally to it again to the great delight of the guest, steward, headwaiter and all concerned in the dining room and culinary department.

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George R. Wilson	DesMoines, Iowa	6
W. Alonzo Locke	Cairo, Ill	4
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Robert Granger	Zanesville, Ohio	3
C. Lamar	Brooklyn, N. Y	1
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F. C. Brown	Charleston, W. Va	6
C. C. Lewis	Louisville, Ky	1
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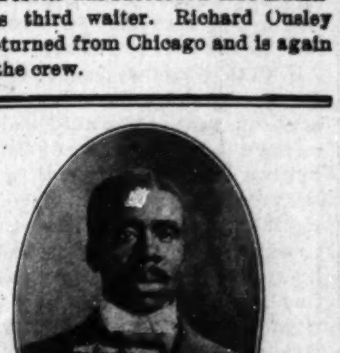
Notes from the Commercial Club, Minneapolis, Minn.

Frank Crowders is still holding hi own as head bellman at the Commercial Club with a full crew of good bell men. Gilbert Bently and Thomas Halloway are captains. The entire crew reads The Freeman. Mr. Foster is giving satisfaction as second waiter, and Lem Yostell has succeeded Abe Hamilton as third waiter. Richard Ousley has returned from Chicago and is again with the crew.



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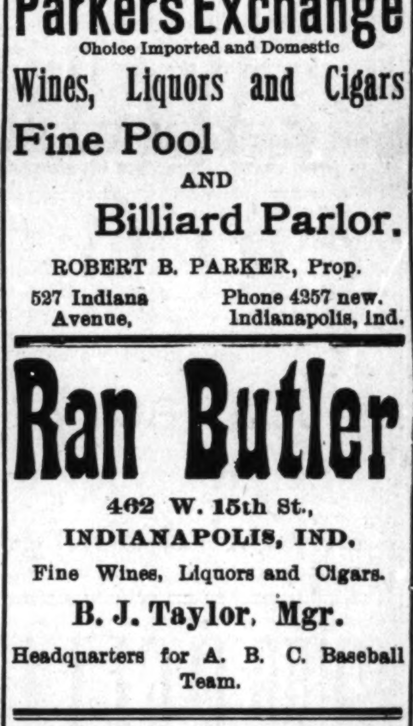

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SOCIAL EQUALITY.

The Indianapolis News concludes an article on the Negro question as follows:

Perhaps we may also be permitted to say that the people of the North find it very difficult to understand how the social equality of the Negro can be forced on any one. Gentlemen are usually in the habit of choosing their own company. And those who exercise that right are not greatly distressed at anything the President of the United States may do. The States by the use of the army and navy cannot force Negro equality on the South. Its quarrel with him therefore is that he is trying to do what it asserts is an impossibility! Seriously—but here again we may be ignorant—it seems to us that this question of social equality may be allowed to take care of itself. If men are equal, socially or otherwise, nothing can prevent the fact from manifesting itself. If they are not, an artificial equality cannot by any possibility be established. Of course, it is a hard saying, but we nevertheless believe it to be a true one, that extreme social sensitiveness is a badge of nervousness about one's own social position. At any rate we are convinced that the Washington incident has been much exaggerated, and further that it is absolutely misused when it is taken as an indication of any purpose on the part of the President to force Negro social equality on the country, North or South.

The above, coming as it does from one of the great Northern papers noted for its conservative views, as the rule, may be taken as a fair indication of the prevailing sentiment concerning a question which is coming in for a good share of attention in these days. A fair indication, we say, with modification in view, for it is a fact that there is much unrest apparent and where it ought not to be expected. The proposition, that society regulates itself, while answered unanimously in the affirmative on paper, theoretically, on the lips, yet in the minds or hearts there resides a fear, seemingly, that there is something to fear. The News says, that, "extreme social sensitiveness is a badge of nervousness about one's own social position." And right there is the rub. It is strange that the strong, as it is understood, must fortify against the weak. It is again a hard saying, and it is the truth, that several admissions could be made at this point that would plainly show why there is reason to suspect that the fear of "social equality" may be justified. In the first place, the very pronounced opposition to the thing is a bad sign for those who do not care for it. But it is a sign only. The possibility for the thing commenced years ago and is being "elaborated on," the possibility, until there seems to be a converging point of mutual acceptability.

The White House case has had nothing to do with it further than to give the opposers opportunity to talk down to the condition through it. It will be believed that it may have been construed an incentive owing to the importance of the individuals.

We believe it a question to be severely let alone. There are forces at work which pronounced opposition not only accelerates, but creates a mephitic atmosphere in the meanwhile. We believe, if there must be a propaganda against the thing, it ought to be high pitched, altitudinous, not falling to the grooves of common agitation; for it is very possible that those to be restrained will not be converted by precept, and shall we say? but by example.

In all the above we do not yet repudiate the high American privilege to do as one may see fit, provided he does not infringe on his neighbor's territory. But this question of "social equality" is a very dainty affair; all concede it so Expediency as a rule of conduct sometimes more provocative of good than the rule of right, at a given time. Cutting the Gordian Knot is not always permissible. It is our duty to work our way into the light as has been done before, slowly, surely, distributing the friction throughout, thus averting the possibility of an irreparable collapse.

At the Historical and Literary Congress of the Fourth Episcopal District of the A. M. E. Church and the 30th anniversary of Bishop Abraham Grant's ministerial life the following committee will report on the history, status and future possibilities of the Negro in the United States of America with the hope of giving a clear and concise statement which will be beneficial to the hearers and readers of the report: Revs. A. J. Carey, D. D., H. E. Stewart, B. D, R. R. Downs, D. D., H. T. Johnson, D. D., A. G. Scott, J. M. Henderson, M. D., J. R Collins, R. C. Ransom, D. D., J. M. Townsend, D. D., S. T. Tice, D. D., T. Reeves, G. C. Booth, D. D., and Hon. Joseph E. Lee.

A cablegram sent from Havana by John S. Durham recently appointed as an attorney of the Spanish Claims Commission, denies the statement published in various newspapers to the effect that he has applied for naturalization papers in Cuba. Mr. Durham still retains his citizenship in the United States and will return to the country when he has finished the work he is engaged upon for the commission. Mr. Durham very greatly regrets the report which has been widely published. It has caused him and his friends, as well, a great deal of annoyance.

Major Taylor, the bicyclist, is still riding in excellent form in Australia. Recently he won the Sir E T. Smith stakes at Adelaide, Australia, for which he was decorated with the blue ribbon by Lady Smith. Mr. Taylor is not only first class in his profession, but he is an exemplary young man. He is a church member, having been baptized about three years ago. His devotion to his relatives, who live in this city, is generally known; it takes form in substantial financial support.

The "Voice of Missions," one of the publications of the A M E. church, is worthy of special mention. It will be safe to say that it is the very best publication of the kind that we have. It is beautifully made up, the print clear and appealing, good book paper and very ably edited.

Mr. W D. Johnson, editor of the "Standard," of Louisville, Ky., says through his paper that he has a cinch on the nomination for the legislature of that State. "Clinch de cinch," Mr. Johnson.

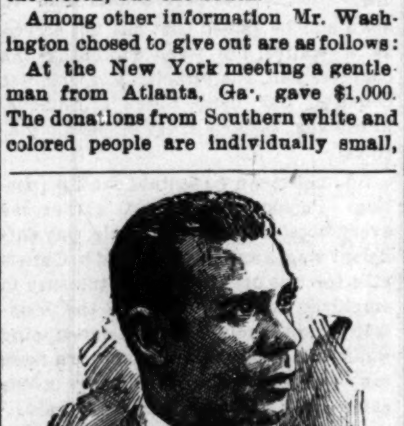
PROF. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON IN INDIANAPOLIS.

The event of last week was the appearance of Booker T. Washington in this city. His coming, May 6th, had been expected according to the program of the white Y. M. C. A. lecture course, for which he had been engaged by that organization. The fact that Mr. Washington's institution had just fallen heir to $600,000, one of the largest donations of the world by a single individual, lent extra importance to the man and to the occasion. The city was on the tiptoe of expectation when the great apostle of industrialism arrived. All were anxious to see more, to know more, of the man that could reach down so far in the pockets of these matter of fact, unpoetical business men whose very traffic is in dollars, dollars and not sentiment.

Mr. Washington, who had been speaking at Detroit, was met at the depot by a delegation of citizens and escorted to the English Hotel, where he submitted to interviews which were given out in the daily papers. In these interviews he was notably guarded in his expressions, acting altogether on the defensive. For instance, he was asked for an opinion of the influence and character of ex-President Cleveland. He replied, "I think the words he has said about the school have done the institution a great deal of good, not only in the North, but the South."

Among other information Mr. Washington chosed to give out are as follows:

At the New York meeting a gentleman from Atlanta, Ga., gave $1,000. The donations from Southern white and colored people are individually small,



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but considerable in the aggregate, and increasing. Mr. Carnegie's gift of $600,000 will be used wholly for endowment. The school has 2400 acres of land; has 1418 pupils; had refused four to five hundred applicants for want of facilities; it employs 110 teachers and officers. The largest number of pupils take agriculture. Eight hundred acres of land are under cultivation. Brick making is important. The other principal industries are building trades, harness making, shoemaking, cooking, sewing, laundry work, housekeeping and nursing. The school teaches twenty-eight industrial pursuits. The Tuskegee graduate is in demand.

Mr. H. H. Hanna of this city, of the Atlas Engine Works, one of the largest concerns of the kind in the world, is a trustee of the institution. Mr. Washington had hoped to meet him, but he was in New York.

Mr. Washington, in company with George L. Knox, Dr. Sumner A. Furniss' and J. H. Evans, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. (colored), in a cab took in the points of interest in the city. They called on Senator Fairbanks and Governor Durbin, both receiving him cordially.

In the evening Mr. Washington appeared at Roberts Park M. E. church, which has one of the largest auditoriums in the city. It was here that a magnificent audience of the best people of Indianapolis greeted the distinguished educator. After an introduction by Bishop Grant of the A. M. E. church, Mr. Washington proceeded at once to deliver what many considered the best speech he has ever made. At any rate, he was in excellent condition, of superb spirit, which the audience in its enthusiasm kept keyed up to an agreeably high plane—he was applauded at every favorable angle.

NOTES

He stopped at one of the best hotels in the city.

The audience at Roberts Park church was made up of white and colored people

The reporters tried to shove him out into politics, but he wouldn't stand for it.

Bishop A Grant, Willis Kersey, president of the colored Y M C A, and A. E Manning were on the stage.

They plucked the good man's gown to share his smiles.

He visited Mr. Knox's business places, including The Freeman office, also Mr. H. L Sanders' establishment, Dr. Furniss' office and Mr. A. E. Manning's drug store.

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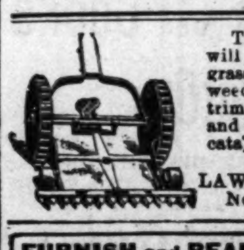

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Payton and Harris are with Gas-Kill, Mundy and Levitt Carnival Company.

The Johnsons, Billy and Estelle, are still receiving encores nightly with Maharas' Minstrels.

Billy Young has closed with Maharas' Minstrels for the summer and is resting at his home in Lexington, Ky.

William H. Windom, manager of the Thompson Music Company, of Chicago, is the father of a little octoroon.

S. H. Dudley, who is now in Chicago, visited the Gideon's Minstrels in Champaign, Ill., and was royally treated by the boys.

Bandmaster Henderson Smith will be with Oliver Scott's Minstrel this season, having his original Darkest America band with him.

Miss Rosa Payne, late of Johnson's Africa Company, has signed with P. G. Lowery's Concert Company, with Forepaw-Sells' Bros. Circus.

The first colored professional repertoire stock company ever recorded in America, has made its appearance in Washington, D. C. The advent of new plays and playwrights will be watched for with significant interest.

Notes from Joseph Clark, Jr.'s Metropolitan Concert Company, with Pawnee Bill's Wild West Company—We opened at Pittsburg, Pa., May 2, to 14,000 people. Our company now numbers 18. The Clarks, Joe and Robert, are our chief comedians and keep them in an uproar during the show. * * Miss Molly Robinson and Miss Sarah Wooden, soubretts, take four and five encores singing the "Gambling Man" and "Just Kiss Yourself Good-Bye." * * Joseph Clark, Jr., the champion cake-walker, is bringing up the rear singing the "Furniture Man" and "When It is All Going Out and Nothing Coming In." * *The world's famous Big Four are rehearsing a new act for next season. * * Miss Gussie Harris, who has been ill, is improving. * * The entire company was entertained by Eugene Edwards at his residence in Carnegie, Pa.

Notes from P. G. Lowry's Musical Enterprise No. 1.—Everything is running smoothly over here with the big show. Have had a little inconvenience owing to rain, but success, peace and harmony is always ours under our most congenial, gentlemanly and intelligent manager, P. G. Lowry. Too much can not be said by Mr. Lowry's performers and musicians relative to his business faculties and the way he treats his people. The entire company sincerely hopes that all their professional friends find as pleasant a field to work in and a ghost that is sure to walk promptly. Our congenial stage director, Harry E. Crosby, has been ill the past week, but able to attend to stage affairs. We were in Kansas City Sunday, May 9th, and our charming soubrette, Mrs. Carrie Wood, has invited the entire company to dine with her at her residence, this being her home. Mrs. Oma Crisby contemplates introducing her sister-in-law, Miss Maggie Crosby, of Detroit, Mich., a singer of rare abilitly, into the profession in the near future with P. G. Lowry's Musical Enterprise No. 1. * * Mr. John W. Carson sends regards to Mr. and Mrs. Will A. Cook of Black Patti Company. * * Johnny L. Jones sends regards to Dude Kelly, Jess Smith and W. C. Sweatman. * * John W. Campbell sends regards to Fred Simpson and Moses McQuitty. * * Mrs. Crosby sends love to her many professional friends; write, Sallie and Essie. * * The Crosbys send regards to Bailey and Spiller. * * Master George McDade, age 10 years, is the proficient leader of our orchestra; regards to mother and Henry McDade.

GEORGE H. PRIMROSE RETIRES.

—By Sylvester Russell.—

Mr. George H. Primrose, the most distinguished white minstrel of his time, will, according to his own announcement, retire from minstrelsy at the closing of the present season. His history, from Thatcher, Primrose and West to Primrose and Dockstader, is so well known that comment on it in these columns is unnecessary.

The firm of Primrose and West once played a remarkable part in the useage of colored performers, which will cause their names to be briefly inserted in the records of genuine colored minstrelsy.

—Discovered William Windom.—

During the season of 1891 William H. Windom was singing in the Concross White Minstrel company running at Eleventh Street Opera House, Philadelphia, Pa. He had formerly toured the South as a colored minstrel under his own name, as Billy Windom. George Primrose, on hearing Windom sing, quickly decided that Billy had the voice he wanted and at once signed him, regardless of his race, and featured him as the star vocalist in the "first part" of his minstrel company. Windom's success was instantaneous. His song, "The Fatal Wedding," written by himself and the late Gussie L. Davis, became the reigning success of that season. Mr. Windom is of very light complexion, hardly light enough to pass for white by close examination. One delightfully interesting feature of his career was his popularity with both races.

White women, who were not aware of the race to which he belongs, very frequently embarrassed him with large boquets of roses, so great was their admiration of his personality; while, on the other hand, the colored aristocracy was loading him down with flowers at the same time, also. Besides being an intelligent young gentleman, Windom has never been affected by a race preference on either side.

As a singer, his voice was not quite as strong as "Josie's," the French contra-tenor—but his style and clear articulation, as well as his good looks, brought him applause that Jose never could win. He can claim to have been the most popular minstrel soloist of his time and of the Primrose regime.

—The Black and White Show.—

While Primrose and West were not the originators of black and white minstrelsy, they nevertheless once had the largest and greatest company of the kind ever put on the road.

The new fad of mixed minstrelsy, originated by J. H. Haverly, caused W. S. Cleveland to enter in the competition with Primrose and West. In this effort W. S. Cleveland competed with his rivals in two particulars—the street parade and the band.

During the short time Cleveland held his force together, the two companies met on parade in Syracuse. The Cleveland parade carried the day. Cleveland had the St. Louis band, led by Prof. West, which was at that time said to be the best colored band in America. The parade was larger and longer and even better dressed than Primrose and West's parade, although the latter company gave the best stage performance. It was on this occasion that poor Alf Weathers made the memorial hit of his life, none of the Cleveland stars could touch him. The Cleveland list consisted of George Titchenor, Dan Palmer and Young Clarence Powell, who was at that time green in the business.

—The Primrose Mascot.—

Mr. Primrose also introduced Master Eddie Gray, a pickaninny songster, to the public during his second season of double minstrelsy. Both Mr. Primrose and Mr. West were delightfully happy in those days and I confidently believe that Mr. Primrose would admit to-day that he has never been half so happy since as in those days of double minstrelsy with Billy Windom and Master Eddie Gray, his "Mascot," as rival singers.

Eddie Gray, poor, dear, spoilt, little child, "it would seem that he could never grow old, nor that his rich, sweet, soprano voice would never change or his career could later come to nothing." But such is the history of the unfortunate side of childhood's cherished dreams. With no one to value his future; with no tender hand to guide his erring footsteps by gentle chiding; with flattery and immoral surroundings; ten minutes' glare of the footlights; three minutes of ringing applause, and one night venture to say—"how much better for his future life, to have been kept away from the stage until he grew older."

The pickaninny band was also another feature exploited by Primrose ideas, which drew more boys to blockade the sidewalk than a theatre gallery could hold. Two little pickaninny dancers who did a turn with Primrose wore out the limits of his patience. Their act was too good to last, but it lasted longer than such acts generally do—as far as the limit of bad behavior and clever performers go.

—Retires a Millionaire.—

Now that George H. Primrose, a white minstrel, retires a millionaire, it might be well to state—excusing Billy Kersands—that there is no colored representative of the old school of minstrelsy who can even show a liberal bank account or a decent home to live in. This narrative is not drawn for comparison with Mr. Primrose. The example is simply this: The actor who saves his money is the only successful actor of the future and not even then until he has acquired wealth. If Primrose is to be compared with anybody, let us compare him with his former partner, Mr. George Thatcher.

Thatcher remains comparatively poor, while Primrose retires a millionaire.

For his genial sharing with colored performers, we wish Mr. Primrose good health and long life to enjoy the luxuries of profits gained by the results of his arduous minstrel toils.

DALLAS. TEXAS, WEEKLY NEWS

The Odd Fellows Prepare to Entertain Other Lodges in the City.

Dallas, Tex., Special.—The local orders of Odd Fellows are making extensive preparations to entertain the State Grand Lodge here in August. * * The K. of P.'s are working hard to land L. M. Mitchell as Supreme Chancellor at the St. Louis session. * *G. T. Walker's Browns and Chestnut Hill team have met twice on the diamond. The Browns were victorious. * * Wm. Ransom and sister visited in North Texas recently. * * Mrs. P. A. Beechum entertained the Star Social Club Thursday evening, the 5th. * * St. James, Old Bethel A. M. E. and St. Paul churches have all had their fairs and raised large amounts. * * The club of twenty-four young people organized this week will be known as "The Golden Link." * * J. A. Foster has returned from McKinney much improved. * * Don't forget The Freeman. It is a staunch friend of the worthy. * * Charles Wells will reside in Durant, I. T. * * J. D. Moffett made his wife a present of a grand upright piano and Mrs. Moffett is delighted. * * Rev. D. R. Stokes has erected two tenement houses. * * The Domino Tournament just closed at Walker Ford's Bethasda bar. * * Postmaster Wm. O'Leary died Friday the 3d inst. * * The Black Mascot, presented at the Dallas Opera House Friday night, was well presented. The company was evenly balanced. The choruses were well rendered. Miss E. E. Joshua, the sweet singer and star, assisted by Prof. Boswell and A. A. Smith, deserves the highest of praise. Others of the company in minor parts did well and pleased the large audience. * * Mr. and Mrs. Alf Martin are at home at 150 Veal street. * * The True Blue Club of St. Paul's Church, is striving to lead their Rally. * * Frank Johnson is at home from P. Y. School. * * An ad of your business in the Freeman will procure for you the money and bring customers that will stay. Try one. * * W. J. A. Harris was the winner in—

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WANTED—To know the the whereabouts of Tom Smith and Mrs. Mary Norris. When last heard of were in Edgefield county, S. C. It is of importance to Mrs. Della Nelson, wife of Samuel J. Nelson, 459 Young street, Dallas, Tex.

Any one knowing the whereabouts of S. H. Ingram will confer a favor by addressing his daughter at 142 Done street, Dallas, Tex. When last heard from he was in St. Louis.

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A Budget of Interesting Items.

Lebanon, Ky., Special.—Mr. Wm. Margon, aged 68 years, died and was buried from his residence Thursday afternoon, the 7th inst. He had been a member of the First Baptist Church for over 20 years. Rev. Bolding, the former minister, officiated. A wife, son, brother and daughter are left. * * Mrs. Siltie Mudd, aged 47 years, was buried from the Baptist Church, Friday, the 8th. She had also been a member of the Baptist Church for 26 years. Mrs. Mudd was a member of the Household of Ruth and 21 B. F.'s. Both societies turned out in full regalia. * * Mr. W. A. Frierson had his moving picture exhibition at the Stent Church, Saturday night, the 9th ult. and at the Zion Church, Monday night, the 11th, and was well attended. * * Mrs. Henrietta Durham, Captain of one of the clubs, gave a supper at the Zion Church Saturday and Monday, the 9th and 11th, in support of the 3d Sunday rally. * * The grand rally will be on Sunday, the 17th inst., to pay off the debt of the Church. Rev. Thos. A. Brown, M. P. pastor, will preach at 11:00 a. m. At 3:00 p. m. Rev. H. C. Weeden, of Springfield, at 7:00 p. m. Rev. Dr. J. Ginis, pastor of M. E. Church South. The Springfield choir will sing in the afternoon. * * The Public School closed an 8-months' session Friday, the 8th ult. A picnic was given Monday, the 11th, in a grove near Calvery. The school exercises were had on the ground to the delight of both parents and children. Prof. K. Smith, A. B., principal; Prif. H. Ray and Miss Mary Ray are most acceptable teachers and have done excellent work. * * Sunday, the 10th, was Quarterly Meeting at Belltown and was well attended.

MOUND CITY, ILL., NEWS.

Mound City, Ill., Special.—Wm. Hubbard was ill last week. * * Rev. Burton spent last week with his family. * * The strawberry season is on and wagon loads are being transported daily to the farms. * * It is to be regretted that at this time, parents take their children out of school to earn a few dollars which are soon spent without any material benefit to them. It is time for parents to become more interested in the welfare of their children, educationally, if we expect to become a power as a race. * * It is learned that Quiny Bradley, one of the most enterprising young men of the city, is soon to open a first-class cafe and ice cream parlor. Such an enterprise should be encouraged. * * The Knights of Tabor and Daughters of Tabernacle tendered their District Superintendent, Rev. P. C. Cooper a befitting reception the 7th. Speeches were made and an enjoyable evening was spent thereafter at luncheon. The order is reported in a flourishing condition with Sir J. Wade, Chief Mentor and Mrs. Hattie Perryman, Chief Preceptress. * * Jas. Nesbitt removed his household goods to Cairo. * * Mrs. Lurinda Bradley has returned from Metropolis. * * The S. M. Order set up a temple of 20 members on the 7th at Beechwood. Their annual sermon is to be preached Sunday, the 17th inst. at the A. M. E. Church. The Beechwood and Unity Lodges will be in attendance. * * The Odd Fellows' annual sermon was preached at the Second Baptist Church on the 10th by Rev. Donaldson before a large audience. The Order made a very nice appearance. * * Bart Craig has taken charge of his home on High street.

Pick-Up Items.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—Mrs. Jennings was called home on account of the illness of her husband. * * Rev. J. H. Johnson preached at Mt. Param Baptist Church Sunday, May 3d, to a large and attentive audience. * *

At 8 p. m. Rev. J. C. Clark, pastor of A. M. E. Church, preached an effective sermon, which was well received by the hearers. He is doing great work in his church. Rev. Mr. Clark is a fine pianist also, an instructor in this grand art.

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25 to 30	2 75	200 00	100 00	4 75	1 20
30 to 35	3 00	200 00	100 00	4 75	1 20
35 to 40	3 25	200 00	100 00	5 70	1 43
40 to 45	3 50	140 00	70 00	5 79	1 43
45 to 50	3 75	115 00	58 00	6 65	1 66
50 to 55	4 00	90 00	45 00	6 65	1 66
55 to 60	4 25	65 00	33 00	7 60	1 90

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AGES.	Joining Fee	Value of Certificate after 1 yr	Value of Certificate before 1 yr	Annual Dues	Q'rterly Dues
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25 to 30	5 25	500 00	250 00	9 50	2 40
30 to 35	5 50	500 00	250 00	9 50	2 40
35 to 40	5 75	500 00	250 00	10 40	2 60
40 to 45	6 00	450 00	225 00	10 40	2 60
45 to 50	6 25	400 00	200 00	11 40	2 85
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AGES.	Joining Fee	Value of Certificate	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues
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35 to 40	12 00	900 00	23 00	5 75
40 to 45	13 00	800 00	24 00	6 00
45 to 50	13 00	700 00	25 00	6 25

REGALIA.

The members of the Fountains and Rosebuds of the organization wear no expensive regalia. The regalia of the organization is simple and its cost within the reach of all, costing from 10 cents to $350 the same is made by the organization in what is known as the Regalia Department.

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THE REFORMER PRINTING DEPARTMENT

Issues a weekly journal, THE REFORMER, which has a circulation of 12,000. This paper is published in the interest of the race, and discusses the leading questions of the day. The subscription price is $1 per year, or 5c per single copy. The office is equipped with modern up-to-date machinery, run by electricity. It can print anything from a visiting card to a poster 12 by 62 inches. Fine job-work of every class and description is made a specialty at lowest prices. Mr. E. W. Brown is Editor and Business Manager, office 608 N. Second street, Richmond, Va. Correspondence solicited and agents wanted.

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The prairie dog will bore a hole about five inches in diameter down into the earth and will bring to the surface and pile in a mound around the hole about three wheelbarrow loads of subsoil.

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A friend tells us that one skunk will clean out all the cutworms on an acre of corn. Perhaps this is so, but it is not all he will clean out, for he will be more than likely to clean out your chicken house at the same time. No philanthropist can work the skunk business on us. It is a pest to the farm.

The farmers of the state of New York would much rather see the $100,000,000 which it is proposed to put into the enlargement of the old Erie canal put into the building of good roads throughout the state. They quite logically reason that the canal enlargement may benefit the city of New York and the western farmer far more than it will them.

The greatest crop of winter wheat ever grown in America is in sight. Kansas is looming up with a prospective 100,000,000 bushels, Nebraska with 60,000,000 and Oklahoma with 40,000,000, to say nothing of the other winter wheat states. Then there is the crop of spring wheat in the far north, in the Dakotas, Minnesota, Alberta, Manitoba, Assiniboia, an empire of new wheat lands brought into use. America could furnish the world its bread inside of ten years.

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The milk haulers for the creameries and the rural mail carriers had six weeks of horrible country roads to travel as best they could this spring all through the country. In some places not even a four horse team could pull the milk wagon through, and in not a few cases the mail carriers made their trips on foot—a bad state of affairs sure enough—and, as usual, this condition of things provoked plenty of criticism and complaint, and yet it is hard to see how it is to be avoided until the time comes when the people are willing to tax themselves to build mud proof highways, and this they are not ready to do when these same bad roads are the finest roads in the world for ten months in the year.

In the fixing up of the home place it is a good deal as it is with a woman and her dress. Some women, by the exercise of taste and having proper regard for the fitness of things, can on a very moderate outlay for attire carry lots of style and be altogether charmingly dressed, and so one may take a modest home place and by the use of a cultured taste so adorn it with vine, tree, shrub and flower, with a bit of lawn for a foreground, and never overlooking the paint pot, that it will attract the pleased attention of every passerby and ever be a saving, refining influence for all who call it home. It fortunately does not require very much money to secure the nicest things, for they are very apt to be the common things of life nicely placed and properly cared for. There are greater charm and satisfaction in having a bed of violets costing 10 or 15 cents than in owning a costly orchid, and the most labored effort of the costly hothouse has never yet produced anything finer than the roses you may grow in your garden at a trifling cost. We think that there are at least two things in the adornment of the home place which must have precedence—a bit of well kept lawn and here and there a vine of some sort, at the corner of the house, over the porch or on a latticework on the walk, then not too many shade trees, and such as there are to be of different varieties; if any evergreens, these always to be in the background. A circular bed of cannas, bordered with coleus, with a good border of lawn around it, is always a very attractive feature as a sort of central flower piece. Then do not forget that the back yard needs looking after as well as the front, for our well dressed lady is always scrupulously neat and tasty all round. This simple beautifying of our home is in a sense a religious work, for the influence of the home upon the children is very far reaching and indelible, and there are but few of us so thoroughly depraved that we have not some latent sense of appreciation and love for beautiful and natural things. There can be no hard and fast rules laid down for this work, the style of home, size of lot and environment varying so much, but it is a hard proposition indeed where a home may not be much improved and beautified along the lines we have indicated.

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The first colored school organized south of the Mason and Dixon line was organized May 20, 1865 in Lexington, Ky.

William Thurman is the only colored member of the base-ball team of the Deaf and Dumb Institute of the state of Indiana. He also enjoys the distinction of being the captain.

Frederick Douglass was often called "The Black Douglass" to distinguish him from Stephen A. Douglass.

The first Negro woman to receive the degree of A. M., was Miss Mary Patterson. She graduated from Oberlin College in 1862.

The Tuskegee Summer Normal Institute for colored teachers will be in June 29 to August 7. Dr. Francis Peabody, dean of the divinity school of Harvard University; Rabbi Levy of New York city; Professors L. B. Moore and Kelley Miller of Howard University, and Dr. Lucy Moten, principal of the Negro Normal School, Washington, D. C; Dr. W. E. B. DuBois of Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga., and Prof. Charles H. Albert of the State Normal School, Bloomsburg, Pa., will be among the lecturers and teachers of the school.

Signs of progress are honors conferred upon Negro students of the different colleges: Rusco Conklin Bruce received class honors at old Harvard at the last commencement and young William H. Lewis now U. S. district attorney for the southern district in Massachusetts, led his class at Yale. Sometime ago William Pickins, a student at Yale from Little Rock, Ark., won the annual Henry James Ten Eyck $2600 prize given for excellence in public speaking, and Edward J. Marshall of the University of Michigan won the right to represent that state in the inter-state oratorical contest.

An effort is being made in Mississippi to raise $10,000 for the purpose of establishing an old ladies' home. Several good sized amounts have already been made.

Pennsylvania has a larger number of persons of Negro descent in its population than any other of the Northern States.

several other wise Alexanders count for naught. There is but one solution, and God, who moves in a mysterious way, will this wonder perform.

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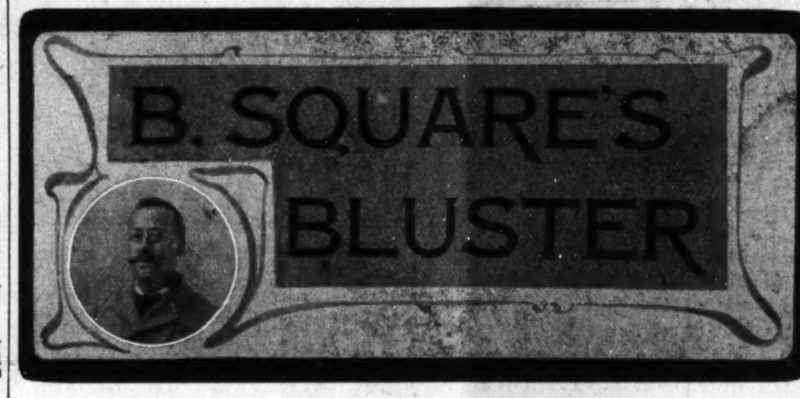

A leading "Negro Democrat" of Brooklyn, met a friend in a barbershop the other day, and made an heroic attempt to convert his colored Republican friend over to Democracy.

Let me say between the lines what I said in a speech at Bridgeport, Conn., during the first Harrison campaign, to-wit: "Any Negro who tells you to-day he is a Democrat is either a knave or a fool."

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"How are you making out Tom?" asked the "Negro Democrat."

"Badly, badly old boy business is on the bum since they have made us stop selling drinks after hours. Why Bill, do you know———."

"Serves you right, why did you vote the Republican ticket?" interrupted the "Negro Democrat." "Now Tom see here I'm going to pump some logic into you. The Democrats in this man's town are the better friends to the black man in this section. When Tom Carter got in that trouble and was looked up, who went to the front and bailed him out? Why Regan the 25th ward Democratic leader. He sent around to Ike Weinstein and Bob Sharkey your two Republican leaders and they gave him the merry ha! ha!! We have got to be like white men, vote the way that will benefit our personal interest the best."

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He closed his mouth for a second to rest his tongue, when the Negro Republican got an opportunity to slip in a few remarks edge-ways. 'The Negro as a voter is between the 'devil and the deep sea.' I am going to stay with the Republican devil and not jump into the Democratic sea. The old Republican ship is alright, it is the same ship that was run by Sumner, Lincoln and Grant but at present there is a d—— rotten crew running it—still I'll stay aboard. If I can't make a living at the job I'll get another but no Democratic party for mine. Nay nay Pauline. You talk about there being a difference in voting a local Democratic ticket and a national one—well, there is and there is not I will conqince you that I am right. Some good white man, whose heart is in the right place, who knows a man regardless of his race, color or previous condition,' a man who thinks as much of a black man as he does a white man. He enters the political arena; he runs for dog-catcher or constable on the Democratic ticket and everybody in the ward voted for him. He is looking 'higher up' and runs the next time for alderman he is elected; he then runs for assemblyman (all on the Democratic ticket) He then runs for Congress on the same ticket and is elected. He is then obliged to vote and do as the majority of his party (which is made up of nigger hating ex-rebels) decide he must The result is he votes against every measure of interest to the black man. No! no!! not for mine. No Democratic ticket for mine" and he walked out. No comment, he said it all. Enough said.

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A Greater New York city policeman of Irish parentage or birth is the most inhuman, brutal and brute-like of God's creation north of the Mason and Dixon line, as of course no white men can carry off the palm from "the best white citizens of the community" in the several states in the Southland.

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There are three classes of New York City citizens upon whom the policemen with Irish blood vent their brutal nature are the Negroes, the Jews and the Italians. They beat citizens of these classes for little or no cause, drag them to jail or the station house and then beat them again. The Negro element is getting tired of this state of affairs. About a year ago a Negro in Long Island City shot several of these fellows and a week or two ago a Negro in New York City shot three policemen who were beating him to death. He killed two in their tracks and the third is at death's door with fine chances of entering. I don't believe in lawlessness, but I do believe, when a Negro, North or South, is attacked by a mob of white men, who are going to beat or burn him to death, that he should not knell down and pray for mercy that he will not get, but sell his life as dearly as he can.

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SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

PORTER Industrial College at Somerville, Tex., is a new movement in Texas. The institution will be run on the order of Broker T. Washington's school. A graduate of Tuskegee has been written to by the president to come and take charge of the work.

Prof. S. L. Atherson of Bryan, one of the ablest speakers in the state will tour the state in company with the president and lecture in the interest of the school. Mr. Ripley of Chicago has recently donated 90 acres of land, which makes 200 acres with which to begin.

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The thirteenth annual commencement of the Christiansburg Industrial Institute of Cambria, Va., was held Friday, May 15. The annual address was delivered by Dr. D. Webster Davis of Richmond, Va.

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The school mail this week has been flooded with letters of congratulation over the Carnegie donation. Inspiring messages have come from strong men and women of both races, and representing every walk of life. The unanimity with which all wish Tuskegee God-speed in its work, is a very helpful and encouraging.—Tuskegee Student.

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The Alcorn A. & M. College of Westside, Miss., will hold its thirty-third commencement May 17 to 21. It will send out graduates in agriculture, painting, shoemaking, blacksmithing and carpentry.

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Beautiful invitations are out announcing the commencement exercises of the Central Law School, Louisville, Ky. Officers of school: Albert S. White, LL. B., LL. D., dean; J. J. C. McKinley, president; Rev. C. H. Parrish, A. M., D. D., vice-pesident; Prof. William H. Perry, A. B., LL. B., secretary and treasurer.

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Commencement exercises at Campbell College, Jackson, Miss., May 31 to June 3. The speakers will be Bishop Evans Tyree, Rev. M. R. Dixon, Rev. Adam Jackson, Prof. G. W. Brumfield, Rev. Polk W. Walls, D. D. Bishop Evans Tyree, M. D., D. D., presiding bishop and president trustee board; Rev. S. R. Andrew, D. D., chairman executive board; Rev. W. F. Dangerfield, D. D., secretary trustee board; Mr. H. T. Risher, treasurer; Rev. Daniel H. Butler, A. M., D. D., president.

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"Uncle Tom's Cabin" has been cut out of the public school libraries of New York city on the theory that the book has filled its mission.

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Commencement week at Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., May 15th. The baccalaureate sermon was preached and annual lecture delivered by Rev. J. T. McFarland, D. D., of Topeka, Kan. Rev. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen of Atlanta, Ga., delivered the annual sermon and the commencement address.

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Bishop Evans Tyree will deliver the commencement address at Tuskegee.

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The shortstop in Harvard's baseball team is a colored man. He won the crowd by his brilliant playing in a recent game at Washington between Harvard and Georgetown.

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The training school for nurses of the Freedman's Hospital at Washington, D. C., graduated a class of fifteen. Dr. W. A. Warfield, surgeon-in-chief.

Died at Hot Springs, Ark.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.—Mr. W. S. Buford, age 43, a well-known and respected citizen of this city, died Saturday morning, May 2, and was buried Sunday afternoon from Visitor's Chapel A. M. E. church, of which he was a faithful member for quite a number of years. Rev. P. W. Wall, D. D., officiated. He was buried under the auspices of Odd Fellow Lodge, No. 1797 and Rising Sun Lodge No. 2, K. of P., of which lodges he has been a faithful member and adviser a number of years. We join the family in mourning his loss. Mrs. Lucy Campbell, who left here several weeks ago for Pine Bluff to attend the funeral of her brother, Charles Daniels, arrived home last week. The Hot Springs Silver Cornet band is getting along nicely under its new leader, T. A. Adams, of Pine Bluff.

In Social Circles.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Winns left Saturday, the 2d, for Louisville, Ky., to spend a few days. They will go West to spend the summer. The Walter Culture Circle gave a swell banquet at Turly cafe, Thursday night, April 30, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Long of Chicago. Refreshments were served in abundance. Turner and Bynum band furnished music for the evening. N. A. Hill was toastmaster. G. E. O. Pain, manager. Mr. Long made an address, as did James Bacon, C. D. Reng, Louis Winns and C. A. Shepard. Mrs. E. Beall Gill has returned from Hot Springs, Ark.

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CITY AND SOCIETY BRIEFS.

Fred Simpson is at home again.

Mrs. Arthur Franklin is convalescent.

Grand Musicale at Bethel on the 19th inst.

Bring your news items to The Freeman.

Mr. Alonzo Day spent Sunday in Brooklyn, Ind.

Simpson Choral Society at Bethel on the 19th inst.

Mr. T. P. Miller has returned from Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Mrs. Charles Elliott is visiting relatives and friends in Dayton, O.

Mr. Tracy Hooker has gone to Atlantic City, N. J., for the summer.

Simpson Choral Society Sextette at Bethel on 19th. "The Cherubic Host."

Mrs. Alice Brown, 508 Roanoke street, has recovered from her severe illness.

Mr. Joe Kizer of New Castle, Ind., spent Sunday and Monday in the city.

Bring your news items to The Freeman. Phones—2880 new; 7187, black, old.

Mrs. Savannah Hays, 231 Allegheny street, is convalescent after a long illness.

Mr. Gabriel St. Clair of Logansport, Ind., shook hands with friends here last Monday.

Rev. S. C. Peters will leave to-morrow for an extended evangelical trip through the South.

Dr. J. H. Ballard has removed from 1434 to 1330 Roosevelt avenue, formerly Hill avenue.

Mr. George Keeble, Sr., was run over by an automobile last Wednesday and seriously hurt.

Mrs. Daniel Browder has returned home from an extensive visit to her sister in Denver, Col.

The Martin R. Delaney Post G. A. R. attended the State Encampment at Anderson, Ind., this week.

The Indiana Baptist College will hold its first commencement on the 25th of May. Details next issue.

Dr. B. F. Matson of Philadelphia, Pa., secretary of the A. M. E. Church Extension Board, is in the city.

Prof. T. Q. Brown has returned from Duquoin, Ill., where he was called by the serious illness of a relative.

The Rev. Mrs. Martin Coleman left for Chicago, Ill., Tuesday night, called there by the death of a brother.

Items of interest will be accepted for this column. New phone 2880; old phone, black, 7187—two rings.

Special selection by Second Baptist chorus at Bethel on 19th under the direction of Prof. Charles Sneed.

May Fair, Second Baptist church, May 18-23. Musical program under the direction of Prof. Charles F. Sneed.

Dr. C. H. Parrish of Louisville, Ky., will assist Rev. Johnson of the Second Baptist church in their rally in June.

Mr. Charles H. Hunter attended the annual celebration of the Odd Fellows at Crawfordsville, Ind., Sunday last.

Mr. Charles W. Brown and daughter, Mrs. Julia Hillman, attended the G. A. R. encampment at Anderson this week.

Allen Scott, formerly connected with The Freeman, but now located at Lebanon, Ind., was in the city the first of the week.

Mr. John Hinton of Lexington, Ky., was the guest of Miss Susie Riley last week. Mr. Hinton was en route to Peoria, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fulford, after three years' residence in Franklin Park, Ill., have returned to the city for permanent residence.

Messrs. Ora Jones and Clark Mason of Cincinnati, O., spent Sunday in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Brown.

Dr. Wm. R. Russell, a recent graduate of the Indiana Medical College of Dentistry, has fitted up a neat office at 317½ Indiana avenue.

Mrs. A. J. Smith of Spokane, Wash., has arrived here, and will make her home with her niece, Mrs. A. R. Moss, North Missouri street.

Mr. N. Anthony of Detroit, Mich., was in the city last week. He was the guest of his nephew, Mr. Harry Ratcliffe of the Denison tonsorial parlor.

Mr. Horace Turner, wife and daughter, James Carter, wife and son, Herbert of Logansport were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R Moss several days this week.

Mrs. Susie Parker, 327 Ellsworth street, died suddenly Sunday morning. The remains were shipped to Columbus, Ohio, Tuesday accompanied by her son Silas.

Mrs. Mayme Hawkins, the popular trained nurse, recently returned from Hinsdale, Ill. Mrs. Hawkins expects soon to go to Chicago to do service in her line.

The annual sermon to the Odd Fellows was delivered at Simpson chapel last Sunday afternoon in the presence of a vast and attentive audience by Rev. E. R. Prentice.

Dr. H. L. Hummons, Mrs. Thomas Bond and others formed a trolly party to Shelbyville, Ind., Friday. The party was entertained by Miss Dent and Prof and Mrs. Lewis of that city.

Mrs. Lula Black and Rev. Morris Lewis were quietly married Wednesday evening of last week. Both of the contracting parties are well known in the city and are highly respected.

Rev. Riley will occupy his pulpit at Simpson chapel to-morrow at 11 a. m. for a theme, "The Burning Bush." At 8 p. m. this eloquent divine will preach and the theme will be "Jesus Only."

Rev. N. A. Seymour of New Bethel church baptized forty-nine candidates in the canal Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large crowd. Devetional services were further continued at the Second Baptist church.

A lecture will be given on our work at the Rescue Mission, now open for the fallen at 1314 Hill avenue, Friday night, May 15th. We will also have a rally on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock to raise means for our expenses until the work becomes self-supporting. In God's name come and help us. It is a much needed work. By the help of God we save the vilest of humanity.

Miss Cora Christy and Mr. Lucas Willis were quietly married Saturday evening, May 9th, at the residence of the bride's parents in Blake street. The bride is a popular teacher in the city schools while the groom is an undertaker and embalmer of no mean ability. They will reside in a cosy home in Paca street.

Quite a number of Marion, Ind., people were in the city Wednesday to pay their respects to Prof. B. T. Washington. They made special arrangements, going to considerable expense in chartering a car for the occasion. Among those who came were Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Thomas, Mrs. Madison Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Burden, W. J. Sizemore, Ellworth Holliday, Homer Hill, Curtis Green, Henry Horniday, Leroy Smith, Daniel Graham, Daniel Burden, Stephen Leay, Fred Jones, Mrs. John Chavis, Mesdames Lydia Scott, Fred Smith, Daisy West, Henrietta McAfee, Virgie Bass, Ida Bass and son Paul, Misses Rasa Ellis, Bertie Burden. Miss Cora Julius returned home with the party. Charles Spires and Madison Knox, managers.

Scarcity of Barbers.

Notwithstanding the fact that this city is one of the best cities in the country for colored barbers, they are in great demand. The leading shops are owned and controlled by colored men, and there is always a place for a good hand.

Bethel Notes.

Sunday was communion day at Bethel. A large congregation listened to the sermon delivered by Rev. Coleman of Allen chapel. Love feast Monday night. The fair commenced at Bethel Tuesday night, and continued this week. It was well attended.

Bishop Grant's Lecture.

Allen chapel was filled to overflowing Friday night, May 8th, with an enthusiastic audience, who listened with care to the lecture "Woman and Her Place" delivered by Bishop Grant. While the discourse was not flowery it was brim full of common sense, logical and broad.

Jones Tabernacle Notes.

The May Fair commenced Monday, May 11th, and continued Tuesday and Wednesday nights, May 12th and 13th. Monday night there was a grand concert by the Jane Thompson Mutual Aid Society. Tuesday night concert and lecture by the Social Club. Wednesday night concert and drill by the Children's Club. It was an enjoyable affair. May 19th to 29th Rev. J. William Luckett, D. D., will be here. Quarterly meeting and rally on the 24th of May. Three new members on Sunday evening, May 3d. The Good Samaritans listened to their annual sermon Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

A Grand Reception.

A grand reception was tendered the Rev. W. H. Riley, B. D., pastor of Simpson M. E. Chapel, Thursday evening, May 7th. The affair was the most enjoyable one ever given in the history of the church. The pastors of the various churches of the city were present. Eloquent addresses were delivered by Rev. J. M. Townsend of Bethel A. M. E church, Rev. H L. Herod of Second Christian church and J F. Walker of the Corinthian Baptist church. A splendid program was rendered. The piano solo rendered by Miss Traquelia Riley was complimentarily received. Prof. W. D. Collins, "basso," was at his best in one of his vocal selections. Bishop Grant delivered an able and encouraging address which was highly appreciated by all. Prof. William M. Lewis of The Freeman, Geo. P. Stewart of The Recorder, Gurley Brewer of The World, Mrs. Lillian Fox of The News, members of the press, were among the guests of honor. The pastor's response was delivered in a most pleasing manner. The dining hall table was elaborately arranged. A fine luncheon was served under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wells, assisted by an efficient committee. G L Knox was toastmaster for the evening.

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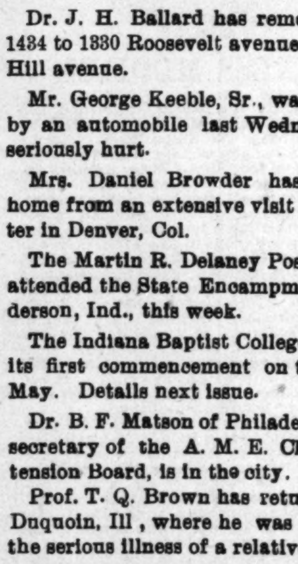

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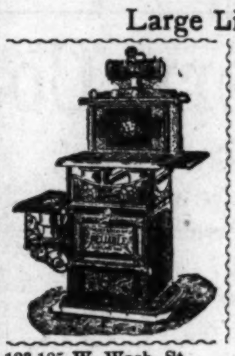
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